

# New policy changes lunch style

By Kim Friedly

In an effort to know the whereabouts of all students at all times, the Howe administration has developed a stricter attendance policy. Attendance has become an important element in all classes including lunch.

Students are given assigned seats and their attendance in lunch is checked daily. This makes lunch a scheduled class.

"I think there is nothing wrong with going out to lunch," Melanie McDermet states, "and taking attendance in lunch is another rule they make to enforce discipline but it doesn't really serve any purpose. It doesn't really help the situation."

However, Principal Frank Tout feels it is a necessary thing. He said students need to be reminded that our campus is a closed one. When students are allowed to roam free, he added, problems tend to arise in the neighborhood.

Tout stated, "the school's role is an educational one, not a custodial one." But he added the community tends to expect the school to keep an eye on every single student from opening to close.

"It's more red tape, more bureaucracy," said Susan Harlowe. However, Tout said since many parents seem to expect the administration to know exactly where their son or daughter is at any time of the day, assigned seating and required attendance in the cafeteria seems to enable the administra-

tion to have an easier task of locating students.

Messages are easier to get to students, Tout stated. When a student is in lunch, he can easily be found with a seating chart, he added.

"Because the students are required to be in the cafeteria for lunch, there are a lot more students who make it to their next period class than there used to be," observed Jerry McLeish.

Jody Hancock feels, "Attendance in lunch is good if it can encourage students to attend the rest of their classes and discourage cutting."

Lance Allison feels, "in a way it's a pretty good idea because it keeps all the rowdies in their place where they can have an eye kept on them. This way those that cut class can be reprimanded for it." However, he added, "but in another way it's not such a hot idea because it creates a lot of hassles for students who are legitimately out of lunch."

Tout said the administration is soon going to something about "the good student who does not cut and makes the grades." The staff plans at this time to begin working one "honor passes" for these students. The passes will enable them to sign out of lunch or study halls to go work on something more worthwhile," added Tout.



Students wait their turn at lunch while the new attendance policy is placed into action.

Thomas Carr Howe High School

## Tower

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### Music Dept. schedules Vienna trip for August

By Nancy Janes

The Howe High School Band, Hornet Honeys, and Choir have been invited to participate in the World Festival of Music and Performing Arts in Vienna, Austria this August.

According to Hal Meurer, band director, all plans are still tentative. If the group does participate, they will be playing concerts, competing in contests, and marching in parades and massed bands from all over the world.

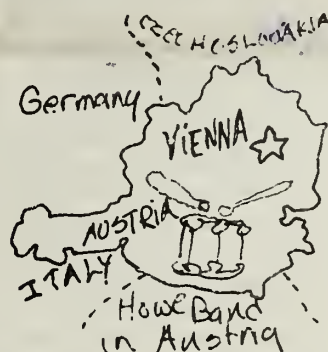
"At this point, we're all just holding our breaths, hoping

the plans will go through," Meurer stated.

"We do not know the cost at this time, but we're working with many tour agencies to get the best prices and conditions," said Meurer.

All performers who plan to participate in the festival must enroll in summer school music classes.

At present, it is not known if the group will stay in Vienna one or two weeks. A committee of parents and faculty members has been appointed to plan the trip.



### Clinic asks for helpers

The Cerebral Palsy Clinic, IU Medical Center, is seeking volunteers who enjoy helping persons with handicaps or who wish to learn about various health care careers.

The volunteers assist occupational and physical therapists with exercises, crafts, games, recreation, socialization and other programs for cerebral palsied adults, from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. two Mondays a month.

Training and orientation will be given at the Cerebral Palsy Clinic on Thursday, October 12 and Monday, October 16, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Boys and girls 13 years of age and older are eligible. To enroll call 632-3561. United Cerebral Palsy of Central Indiana.

### McPherson installed as students' president

By Susie Hildebrand

Tim McPherson was installed as president of the Student Council during the Sept. 8 school assembly. McPherson said the council's basic philosophy is to make a lasting impression on people and help them in their dealings with others.

He said his desire for the presidency developed in his freshman year when he realized the deficiencies existing at Howe. The newly elected president said he wanted to bring about improvements for both the student body and faculty. McPherson feels some of the basics of leadership depend on the ability to see other people's ways of perceiving things. As an example he cited, "The cannibals look at eating people differently than we do."

Among McPherson's goals for the year is his idea of "... trying for something completely different."

The senior considers more student support and less teacher domination as specific areas of improve-

ment at Howe. McPherson stated he felt students feel a need for freedom. "We're being taught to follow, not to lead. I'd like to see more freedom and the necessity of passes done away with."

As president, McPherson feels the Student Council would be more effective if it had greater student support.

To illustrate this idea, the motto "We care, Howe High School" was adopted.

McPherson feels the primary objective of this year's council is to change people's views and promote caring about people. He also hopes to retain Howe's reputation as a cut above the other high schools.

Other Student Council officers for 1978-79 include: Rocky Russell, vice-president; Wendy Graham, secretary; Jeff Haboush, treasurer; Mary Sapp, assistant-secretary; Pam Callaway, parliamentarian; Dave Welch, senior representative; Janice Munchel, junior representative; Leanna Wills, sophomore representative.

### News briefs

National Honor Society officers for 1978-79 are Tony Hinkle, president, Jean Hilton, vice president, Mark Holm, treasurer, and Tim McPherson, secretary.

Barbara Bennet, senior, and Jay Boeldt, junior, were awarded scholarships from the Herron School of Art, IUPUI.

The scholarships cover the

Sponsors of the National Honor Society are Roxy Watson and Evelyn Keaton.

The National Honor Society are planning to visit the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

cost of tuition for 30 classtime hours. The Saturday classes will include instruction in drawing, painting, design, photography, and figure drawing.



# Lunch attendance creates mess in café

Lunch attendance involves everyone, whether they approve or not. In 45 minutes, students eat, socialize, and have attendance taken.

Why have the administrators set up a attendance policy in lunch? One reason is community pressure for school officials to "babysit" students during school time. Another explanation is local business owners complain about youths spending lunch time on their property possibly causing damage. One main reason Principal Frank Tout gives, is parents or relatives may call with urgent messages. Administrators would have no way of finding that student during lunch.

One obstacle plaguing this policy is the lack of teachers. Three teachers are assigned to each lunch period. There are about 2,400 students at Howe and four lunch periods, this means, on the average, there is one teacher for every 150 students.

Some teachers developed a system where students help. These students have certain tables to check attendance. This is great, except for the student helper who likes to help students more than helping the teacher. He always counts his "friends" present creating a hole in the system.

Not only is there a problem with students getting out of lunch, but some students get into lunch without being assigned to that period. Teachers have enough to do without watching for incoming students.

These are just teachers' worries. Students must stay seated for attendance and then hurry eating their lunch in order to "beat the bell". Lunch is to unwind. How is that possible when attendance shortens the eating time.

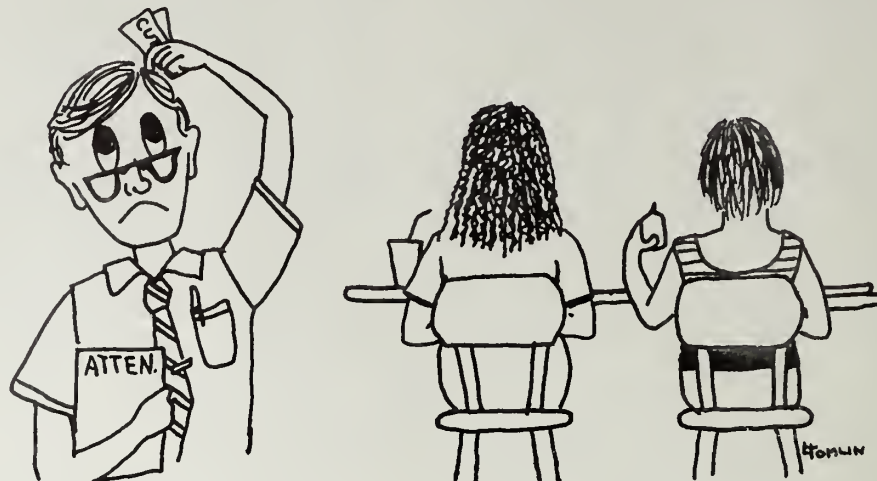
A lot of students avoided the hassel by not coming the first day attendance was taken. Therefore, they are not on attendance list. However, they still go to lunch, occasionally.

One solution offered is the honor pass. Students would be permitted into the library and to attend chemistry lab experiments, or musical practice, etc. If the teacher in charge has a free period and allows them to. On the other hand, honor passes destroy the main reason for the lunch attendance policy; keeping track of students. If honor pass students check in first and then go to activities, they lose time spent getting their name checked. Another problem with honor passes is where does the student go once he leaves the lunch room? Will these "honor students" bounce from one area to another, therefore making it impossible for administrators to know where they are?

One suggested solution to this mess is an open lunch policy. However, this will not work either. Many students would not eat at school and administrators would still be pressured by the community to look after students while school is in session.

A lot of effort was put into this new policy with still no solution for old problems. Cutters still cut and continue to eat where they want.

If a closed lunch is absolutely needed, why not let students eat in the manner of past years where the hassle of attendance is not required. Students need that time to unwind.



## Do counselors work?

Dear Editor,

The first day of school has always been a hassle. It is understandable that counselors can't take care of everyone's schedule the first day. But after a week of school one would think the staff has had enough time to get things straight.

The counselors' job is to counsel the students. They are supposed to know what code numbers go with which class. If they don't know, the least they could do is look it up, wouldn't you think? Well, some of them don't.

It's really amazing how some of the staff in this school say they really care about your education but then practically tell you which course you must take; even if it means dropping a class from your major field.

It's nice how the school tries to do things for people with problems; even people who just don't care. Isn't it strange how people who really try to learn and try to be good students don't get much attention when they have problems?

My friends and I have talked about our schedules

and nearly everyone's schedules are being messed up. One of the statements heard was, "It seems like everytime I go down to see my counselor she's either on her coffee break, at lunch, or too busy to see me." Do they ever work or are they just here to pick up their paychecks?

Maybe I'm getting more upset than I should be but I wish it would seem like the school was here to serve us instead of us being here to serve the school. But I do commend the teacher; for being willing to cooperate. Name withheld by request

## New paper is suggested

To The Editor:

As seniors of Howe High School, we feel that we really need a senior paper to inform the seniors of necessary information. This would eliminate the necessity of Senior Guidance until such time as Senior Guidance is fully organized.

At present Senior Guidance is interferring with post-high school plans rather than helping.

With the help of all seniors, we could provide all the materials needed to complete our paper. We do understand that the principal has to approve each issue of the paper before it can be distributed.

Thank You Very Much,  
Government I,  
Period 6

## Letter Policy

The opportunity to express opinions is available to students by writing "Letters-to-the-Editor."

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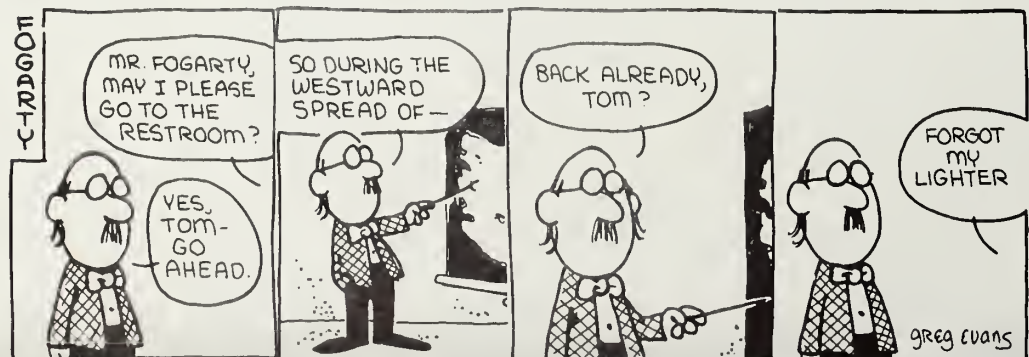
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# Self-satisfaction is bench warmer's goal

By Rick Gunderman

"I guess the main reason was just to see if I could do it. Sure, it was tough. In the first week there were two a day practices. It was a real struggle for me because I'd never done anything like it. I felt like I was going to die, but I wanted it so bad. I had to prove it to myself."

These are the words of Dave Smith a second string left tackle on the varsity football traveling squad. He plays frequently in scrimmage games, but as yet has not appeared in the playing eleven on Friday night. He is one of those people, who through sheer determination and hard work, has achieved the goals he has set for himself.

Until this fall, Smith had

not been involved in organized football. Many people have asked him why during his senior year, when so many new challenges are added to each student, he would suddenly decide to go out for football.

"In the first place, it wasn't a sudden decision, it was something I had been hoping to do for a long time. The time finally came when I had to do it," said Smith.

Of course, a person doesn't just "go out" for football. Smith recalls the physical torture of practice, the worry over whether it would take too much time from his studies, and worst of all, the danger of getting cut in those first few crucial weeks. However, he feels the

advantages have far outweighed the sacrifices.

"One of the biggest things I get out of being on the football team is the team experience, being part of a unit in which all eleven parts are essential. The team concept is really the most important facet of football. If the team doesn't work together, the team doesn't work. I get the opportunity to work as a part of that team," he said.

Smith feels now that he has played enough to get a solid foothold, his goals have also solidified. He is constantly trying to give the game a little more than he did last time out. For him, as with the rest of the players, improvement is the goal.

"I go out to practice and try

to hit those dudes who have got all the experience and maybe beat them. The key is to try your best. If I can do this, maybe someday the big day will come and I'll get in the game. Right now I just want to keep improving," he stated.

He adds, "I suppose even if I don't play a quarter all year, the coaches know I did my best at practice. The players know I tried my hardest to gain experience and make things work smoothly. Best of all, I know I gave it all I had."

I'll never be able to put as much into it as it has given me," said Smith, "but I'll sure try."



Dave Smith: "...I know I gave it all I had." (Photo by Jay Tobias)

## Tennis team players win

The team is led this year by two time city champ Rick Gunderman at number one singles. At number two singles is last year's city doubles champ Jerry Suiter. Number three singles has alternated between senior Mark Holm and junior Tim Gelarden, with Holm playing the city matches and Gelarden the county matches. At number one doubles is a pair of juniors, Bill Price and Bruce Harter. Senior Ricky Hicks and junior Larry Barnard round off the team at number two doubles.

The reserve squad is led by juniors Tom Harton and Ray Miller.



Gwen Zander, sophomore, watches her putt anxiously during competition with Ben Davis High School Sept. 18. Photo by Andy Wilkinson

## Cross country: "hurt, pain, agony!"

"Hurt, pain, and agony are those stepping stones a runner must experience in order to have a successful race," stated Coach Bill Gavaghan, early in the Hornets cross-country season. The Hornets, now more than halfway into the season have experienced the hurt and pain.

The hurting began early in August as the runners prepared for their opener against Lawrence North. Senior co-captains Jeff Oberlies and Malcolm Curry lead the way with sophomore Curtis Childs alongside as the three finished stride for stride. The Hornets swept the

top five positions beating Lawrence North, 15-51.

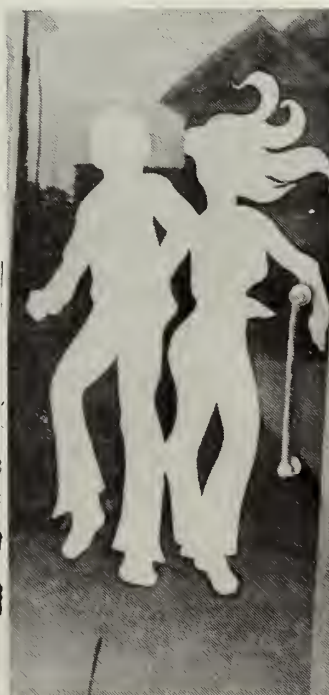
The hurting began to fade away as the Hornets breezed by Shortridge, 17-42. Curry won the 2½ mile race with a time of 13:43. He was followed closely by Childs and Oberlies. As the pain stage set in, the harriers pushed on and won their next three meets, beating Northwest, 18-43, Manual, 19-36, and Tech and Lawrence Central

in a tri-meet, 35-43-46.

Oberlies experienced the agony of running when he ran a 12:42 at the Ben Davis Invitational. His time, the fastest for a Howe runner in four years, earned him 14th place in a field of top runners.

Childs, Curry, and Marcus Cole all ran individual bests to give Howe a strong 6th place finish in the Invitational.

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# New shows "light up" TV's "life"

By Tawn Parent

Look out! Here comes the parade! The new television season has begun.

ABC has several shows which promise to be hits. Heading the list is **"Battlestar Galactica."** The first episode, costing a record \$7 million, has been compared to **"Star Wars."** Lorne Greene stars as a spaceship commander. It deals with the adventures of space voyagers.

**"Apple Pie"** was created by Normal Lear. It features a lonely woman who forms her own family by advertising in the want ads. **"Mork and Mindy"** is about an alien who comes to investigate Earth. He meets a young working girl in Boulder, Colo. who tries to teach him

earthly ways.

**"Taxi"** is a comedy centered around a mixed-up crew of New York cabbies. It stars Judd Hirsch and Marilou Nennerin. **"Vega\$"**, with Robert Urich and Tony Curtis, tells the story of a flashy private detective in Las Vegas.

CBS has quite a line-up this year. Starting it off is **"WKRP in Cincinnati."** Starring Howard Hesseman, Gary Sandy, and Tim Reid, the wacky comedy covers the crazy happenings at a radio station.

Mary Tyler Moore has her own variety show appropriately titled **"Mary."** **"Kaz"** focuses on a determined attorney who earned his law degree in prison.

**"People"** is simply a television version of the popular magazine. As the magazine, it will offer interviews, features, and fashion. **"In the Beginning"** is the newest addition to the Lear family. McLean Stevenson portrays a stuffed shirt priest attempting to run a streetfront missionary with a non-conformist num.

**"The American Girls"** follows the adventures of two well proportioned reporters for a new-magazine show. **"Paper Chase"** deals with first year Ivy League law students. Their professor, John Houseman, aids them in their struggles.

Three airline stewardesses become friends on **"Flying High."** They go through train-

ing together and the friendship begins. **"W.E.B."** is a take-off from the movie **"Network"** and pries into T.V.'s executive wars.

NBC has tried to clean up its act with **"Who's Watching the Kids"**, the story of two Las Vegas showgirls raising a couple of mischievous youngsters. **"Lifeline"** is a documentary showing real doctors coping with real emergencies. Different doctors will be shown each week as the show travels around the country.

**"Grandpa Goes to Washington"** stars Jack Albertson. He plays a retired college professor who finds himself elected to the U.S. Senate.



**"Vega\$"**, a new series about a private investigator in Las Vegas, can be seen Wednesday at 10 p.m. (Photo Courtesy of ABC)

## Foul Play

By Sherri Jerrell

If you are looking for a well written movie that keeps you interested, laughing, and a little scared, **"Foul Play"** is that movie.

Goldie Hawn plays a lonely, nervous divorcee. Chevy Chase, making his movie debut, portrays a clumsy detective who ends up being the hero.

If you enjoyed **"Silver Streak"**, you should like this movie. They both were written by the same authors. It has all the ingredients of a great plot. There is a roll of film, a pack of cigarettes, an albino, a scar-faced man, one dead Cardinal (as in catholic), bodies that keep disappearing, and a dwarf.

This movie is so full of comedy, the gory murder scenes are hardly noticeable.



Goldie Hawn and Chevy Chase star in the movie **"Foul Play"** (Photo Courtesy of Glendale Cinemas)

# Perk up an elevator ride

By Karen "Z" Stewart

The doors close. The elevator starts to rise. The bell rings. The doors open again. This is the typical elevator ride. What do passengers do while they're riding?

Most normal people on elevators stare at their shoes, or watch the lights move in the numbers. Bold riders might even venture to say **"Fine weather we're having"** to the person next to them. However, most just stand and try to pretend they're not aware of the people around them.

How boring! Why waste the time spent on the elevator? To help make use of those otherwise lost minutes, the Tower has come up with a few suggestions.

Walk in and introduce yourself to everyone on the elevator, preferably in a thick Czechoslovakian accent.

Pinch the derriere of the nearest person of the oppo-

site sex. They'll love it.

For those of you who aren't shy, we suggest getting on and starting to remove your clothing. See how you rate by counting the people who get off at the next floor.

Play spy. This is especially good at the airport. Dress up in a long trench coat with an upturned collar and sunglasses. Wear a bow tie big enough to look like there may be a hidden camera in it. **"Mission Impossible"** music might be helpful.

Pull a banana out of a cigar box and light up. Smoke the whole thing. Don't peel it.

Sit on the floor in the Lotus position, light some incense, and do an ancient, far-eastern chant.

Step on the elevator and start giggling. Watch people check to see if their clothing is in tact.

Walk in with a silly grin on your face and ask the others if they would like to buy a flower.

Right around lunch time, when everyone is starving, carry a steaming pepperoni pizza on the elevator and let the smell fill the air. It'll drive 'em crazy.

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